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1. [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING At [REDACTED] request, I got on the line with Mike Finley on the staff of Representative Dante B. Fascell's (D., Fla.) Subcommittee on International Political and Military Affairs, House Committee on International Relations. I reviewed with him our proposed response to Comptroller Elmer B. Staats which he thought was adequate. He stated that the Subcommittee still wants all of the information requested in the Staats letter and said he would write us a new letter if we so desired. I stated that was not necessary, that we could just use Staats' letter as if it came from the Subcommittee. Finley said the Subcommittee would like to avoid a formal briefing if possible and in lieu thereof would like all CIA documents in classified form. He stated that the Subcommittee had come to some tentative conclusions as has GAO and that the Subcommittee wants CIA documents just to be sure there are no skeletons hanging around. In providing documents, Finley also wants to know how they can handle the information once they have received it. I told him we would review the matter with the necessary authorities including the NSC and get back to him.

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2. [REDACTED] LIAISON I returned a call from Mike Oppenheimer, on the staff of GAO. He asked what the status of our reply was on the Comptroller Elmer B. Staats' letter. I told him that it was on the Director's desk and would be going out shortly. He asked me what was in the letter and I told him I did not want to be explicit since it was subject to change until signed by the Director. I did indicate to him, however, what the position was basically. He said he was leaving GAO as of 9 October to take a position in Connecticut with something called the Future's Group and was being replaced by Gene Sullins who would have the same telephone number.

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Chief of Staff, House Committee on International Relations, regarding the letter from a [] to Chairman Thomas E. Morgan (D., Pa.) alleging that CIA, DIA and State were planning an invasion of Venezuela. I told him that while there was no substance to the allegation, there was some interesting background I would like to pass on. He said he would not be able to meet with me until after he returns from a trip he will be taking. He said, however, there was no rush on the matter and that he would consider the call an interim reply. He asked me to pass on to Mr. Cary that he needed one copy of the transcript of each briefing on foreign intelligence operations of the Oversight Subcommittee during 1975 by the Director. He needs the transcripts at 0930 hours, 10 October for about 30 minutes.

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17. [] LIAISON Charles Snodgrass, Defense Subcommittee, House Appropriations Committee staff, called to urge a quick response to the 7 October letter to the Director from C.R. Anderson, Chief, Surveys and Investigations Staff of House Appropriations Committee, so that the five investigators cleared and assigned to this task could get to work. Anderson got on the phone and in response to my query on the duration, place and scope of the investigation, he agreed that a kick off conference with Agency officials would be in order and such a session at Headquarters was tentatively arranged for 3:00 tomorrow afternoon.

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18. [] INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING Roger Majak, Consultant, Subcommittee on International Trade & Commerce, House International Relations Committee, called concerning a possible briefing of the Subcommittee, without a transcript, and possibly in Chairman Jonathan Bingham's (D., N.Y.) office, before the end of October on the Arab organization administering the boycott of firms dealing with Israel. They would like to know specifically what transpired in its last meeting and a personality sketch of the people involved. [] OCI, and [] OER, have been designated as the briefers.

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19. [] BRIEFING Chairman George Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, called requesting that we review our records concerning our report to the Defense Subcommittee on a covert action program. When we pull our material together, probably tomorrow, he suggested we call him to arrange for a convenient time and manner for presenting the matter to him.

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20. [] LIAISON Charles Snodgrass, Defense Subcommittee, House Appropriations Committee staff, called on behalf of [] who wanted to be put in touch with []

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Snodgrass asked if we could give him a fill-in consistent with the Privacy Act on the complaints of [] Hyattsville, Maryland, who has written Representative Robert Sikes (D., Fla.) a letter relating to Agency activities. Snodgrass' requirement for Mr. Sikes is to read and evaluate the material. I told Snodgrass I was somewhat familiar with the case and we would be back in touch with him.

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21. [REDACTED] LIAISON Chairman Jack Brooks, House Government Operations Committee, called concerning the receipt I had discussed with him the other night on the [REDACTED] material in which I had asked him to sign in taking temporary possession of the material. I agreed to the deletion of one phrase on the condition that Chairman Brooks would notify us so that we could exercise our right of recall appropriately. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

22. [REDACTED] LIAISON Mike Finley, Consultant, Subcommittee on International Political & Military Affairs, House International Relations Committee, called and he has no problem with our dealing directly with Chairman Dante Fascell (D., Fla.) on the GAO interest in receiving directly from the Agency material on the Mayaguez. Finley also agrees that we ought not change our pattern vis-a-vis GAO until the Select Committees issue their recommendations. I put Finley in touch with [REDACTED] to work out directly the handling of the Subcommittee's interest in Mayaguez. In closing, I explained that we might have problems in furnishing some material because of a holddown on it by authorities outside of the Agency but that I recommended we handle these matters as they arise and he agreed.

Finley said that he was concerned that with the establishment of the Subcommittee on Oversight he would no longer have access to substantive intelligence information for Chairman Fascell. I corrected him on that and said this was not the case and if there was a need for a briefing on substantive matters we would be pleased to oblige but all that we ask is not to get into operational matters and to preserve the confidentiality of the classified information involved.